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ATTENTION !

All Mirror-Smashers, Knockers-on-Wood and Horseshoe-Hangers

(OPC Members Optional)

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A BLACK CAT PARTY

Celebrating Friday the Thirteenth

will be held in the Clubrooms on Friday, Jan. 13 from 6 to 8

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Purpose of the Black Cat Party (strangely enough) will be to wish "good luck" to the Club's newly-appointed paid secretary, Miss Janice Griffiths, who joined Club headquarters staff last week.

Also -- as the first Club function since New Year's Eve -- the party will be the annual first-of-the-year reunion and open house for the Club's holiday-exhausted members.

There will be no door fee; a pay-as-you-go arrangement will operate at the "bar".

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Since a large attendance is expected, please fill out your acceptance card and mail it to Club headquarters at once.

O F F I C I A L

Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms..... Tuesday, Jan. 10, 8:30 P.M.
 Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms..... Wednesday, Jan. 11, 5:30 P.M.

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President FRANK KELLEY is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Janice Griffiths as paid secretary of the Overseas Press Club of America. Miss Griffiths resigned her position as publicity representative of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies to accept the post. She has done organizational and public relations work for the Better Business Bureau, CARE and the Institute of Public Relations. In 1946-47 she was publicity director of the All-American Air Maneuvers in Florida for Arthur E. Curtis Associates.

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 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE:

Edward W. Barrett, Editorial Director of Newsweek, Deputy Chief, FWB, AFHQ, North Africa, 1943-1944; OWI, London, Paris, 1944-1945; Newsweek, Paris, 1946. Proposed by CORNELIUS RYAN; seconded by FRANK KELLEY

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to Active Membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:
 Miss ANDY LOGAN, The New Yorker, (130 West 12th St., New York)
 JOHN ELLIOTT, New York Herald Tribune, (4606 Brookview Drive, Washington, D.C.)
 CHARLES EGAN, New York Times, (71-50 Austin St., Forest Hills, N.Y.)
 DONALD P. DOANE, Associated Press (Taanusstrasse 52, Frankfurt A/M, Germany)
 BOYAN PETKOFF CHOUKANOFF, Bulgarian National Committee (316 W. 102nd St., NYC)
 ROB ROY BUCKINGHAM, United Press, (Celenta 38, Prague, Czechoslovakia)
 BRUCE JACOBS, Magazine Management, Inc., (16 Stuyvesant Oval, New York, N.Y.)
 RICHARD F. HANSER, RKO Pathe, Inc., (1815 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont, N. Y.)
 ALEXANDER KENDRICK, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS-PIO-USFA, APO 777, NYC)
 PHILIP KLARNET, (233 East 34th St., New York, N. Y.)
 RICHARD E. MYERS, (108 East 82nd St., New York, N. Y.)
 PERCY WOOD, Chicago Tribune, (Hotel Imperial, New Delhi, India)
 DANIEL G. VAN ACKER, Association of Technical Writers, (2130 Broadway, NYC)
 FRANK R. SHEA, (259 Presidents Lane, Quincy, Mass.)

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX As the second half of the 20th Century dawns, the world is
 WITH THE OPC ON TV watching the birth struggles of another new nation born of
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX post-war nationalism. That country is Indonesia, a union
 of 16 separate, widely-scattered states with 77,000,000 inhabitants...What is the
 future of that newly-created nation? To discuss this burning issue, the Overseas
 Press Club brings a distinguished panel before its television cameras on January 8 .

OPC members are HAROLD R. ISAACS, correspondent and author of "No Peace for Asia", and VIOLET PRICE, Time staffer who spent spring and summer, 1949, in Indonesia for Time-Life...Speaking for the Indonesian Government will be Dr. D. Sumitro, charge d'affairs in the U.S. of the new republic and former Dutch Underground fighter. John Boettiger, ex-newspaperman and publisher -- now vice-president of Theodore Swanson & Co., public relations advisors in the U. S. for the Netherlands Government -- will report on a six-month stay in Indonesia and Holland from which he has just returned..Moderator for the telecast will be QUINCY HOWE.

The subject: "Indonesia* Birth of a Nation". The time: 5-5:30 PM, Sunday, January 8. The place: WCBS-TV, Channel 2.

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AMONG 65 FAMOUS EDITORS honored by the Press Club of San Francisco last week by having their photos hung in a special shrine of distinction are BARRY FARIS, editor of International News Service; ROY W. HOWARD of the Scripps-Howard chain and GARDNER COWLES, editor of the Des Moines Register-Tribune...Those selected as "Editors of America" represent 50 years of American journalism.

The Club learned with regret last week of the death in Boston of REUBEN H. MARKHAM. For many years correspondent in the Balkans for the Christian Science Monitor, MARKHAM was also author of several books, the most recent of which was "Tito's Imperial Communism"...WILLIAM HENRY HAMILTON, Associate Member and President of William Henry Hamilton, Inc., died January 2 of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was a member of the Council of New York University and, until his resignation in 1929, was a vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Co....

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After readying a new book on jade for his publisher, JOHN GOETTE has joined King Feature Syndicate as an editor...BETTY WASON leaves January 12 for a 7-week

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tour of Europe, where she will visit listeners to her Voice of America women's program and also representative women in six or seven foreign countries.... Veteran public relations specialist ERIC PALMER reports he's no longer plugging cigars. After a vacation in Florida, he plans to enter a crusading venture...

OPC MEMBERS are invited to be guests of the New School for Social Research for an all-day symposium on Saturday, January 21, on the subject, "One Globe: Two Worlds." Morning session will feature "Transcending the Cold War" and "Conflict of Ideas". In the afternoon, "Two Economic Worlds" and "Are There Limitations to Toleration in a Free Society?" will be discussed. Call or write the New School, 66 West 12th St., for invitations.

CLARE BOOTH LUCE writes that the "Overseas Press Club can take collective congratulations for the swell job that was done with 'As We See Russia' in the film, 'Guilty of Treason'...JOSEPH B. PHILLIPS resigns his post as Director of International Affairs for Newsweek effective April 1 to devote his time to writing and lecturing.

::Have you told The Bulletin about it yet? If not, drop a note to the Editor, Overseas Press Club, 1475 Broadway, New York 18, and keep your friends posted::

THE 1949 DINNER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that, to increase attendance at this year's Waldorf-Astoria banquet, Club members submit now names of those who might be interested in making reservations. Also, mailing lists of societies and organizations with foreign affairs interests are needed...An eight-week series of public lectures on "Current Events and Current History" will be given in February and March by HAL LEHRMAN at New York's Rand School of Social Science. First talk in the course, which will analyse roots and origins of each week's top news, is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Feb. 1. Meanwhile, HAL is kept busy with magazine and out-of-town lecture assignments...

The Club extends condolences to EDWIN E. DOWELL, International Editions Manager of Newsweek, on the death of his wife, who died on January 3, following a brief illness.

In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

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PFLAUM CHARGES UNRELIABLE
CORRESPONDENTS COVER IRON
CURTAIN FOR NEWS SERVICES

A column by IRVING PFLAUM in the Chicago Sun-Times last month touched off a lively debate between the paper's foreign editor and executives of American news services...PFLAUM, who toured Eastern Europe last summer, declared that American press services "do not maintain full-time American correspondents" in several iron curtain countries because news available there usually comes only from officials. "This means," he wrote, "that to save money the AP, United Press and INS -- upon which most Americans depend for their factual foreign news -- aren't represented by reliable American newsmen in Communist countries. Such penny wisdom is, I submit, a grave disservice to American readers and radio listeners."

Replying to PFLAUM, Ben Bassett, AP foreign editor, cited that AP men are presently working in Russia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, while "no American correspondents have gotten into Romania, to my knowledge" and "no correspondents are admitted to Albania."...According to Editor & Publisher, requests by the UP for visas to Poland have been turned down. "If Mr. PFLAUM can persuade them to give us a visa," A UP spokesman said, "we would love to spend money there."...BARRY FARIS, editor-in-chief of INS, replied to PFLAUM'S charges by stating that INS is currently making changes in its iron curtain assignments and did not want to jeopardize future operations by entering into the controversy.

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ion...First to reveal details of Egypt's royal love triangle was BILL ATTWOOD, who cabled the New York Post from Bari, Italy, that King Farouk had used police power to break the engagement of Miss Narriman Sadek and a UN employee, thus paving the way for a royal announcement...An appeal to American newsmen to send CARE packages to unemployed newspapermen in France was made last week by the Economic Cooperation Administration. Packages should be sent to Le Soutien Confraternel des Journalistes, 18 Rue Vignon, Paris 9...Flown to New York for a special CBS round-table broadcast on January 1, titled "Mid-Century", were seven CBS radio correspondents. Among those appearing on the program were EDWARD R. MURROW, BILL DOWNS, DAVID SCHOENBRUN and LARRY LESUEUR. A reception followed at the Hotel Berkshire...

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Acting Editor

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